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MILWAUKEE POLICE ASSOCIATION (MPA) MEDIA RELEASE

"CHIEF REQUIREMENTS"

The **Milwaukee Police Association** encourages the community to be invested in the future of the Milwaukee Police Department. The **safety and security** of Milwaukee is **dependent upon quality leadership**. The departure of Chief Flynn offers opportunity to replace politics with honest information. Policing and the *Use of Force* is not always pretty; however, when justifiable of action – must be upheld by the chief through support and directness of word!

A police department must be lead by an experienced, respected police officer; not a career administrator. A chief does not need to be liked by those he leads, but must be respected – a respect earned of his/her actions. That chief must be believed by the community of which each individual household has entrusted their family's safety/security to the righteous actions of the department – lead by an honorable chief.

A chief must be of open-mind. **Engaged with the community**, willing to understand and work with organizations and individuals; while at the same time, must possess the ability to **articulate law and purpose over political pander.**

A good chief must understand the **importance of morale**, know how to foster growth and encourage exemplary performance. The chief should

display humility, dignity of character and confidence in personal performance and decision.

Our professional, superior performing police officers deserve the opportunity of success. This Super Bowl team should expect that their next leader... coach – CHIEF is up to the task to ensure their success.

In the journey to obtain the right person, we reassert:

The MPA strongly urges the Fire and Police Commission to thoroughly examine the past performances, to include the character of all future candidates. We further expect of the FPC, an open process of which the evidence based opinions and experienced guidance of the law enforcement community will be heard.

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